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CRESCENT CONTACT COMMUNICATIONS DRILL

Effective immediately, the Captain of the Port (COTP) New Orleans is alerting maritime stakeholders of an increase in the Maritime Security (MARSEC) Level from 1 to 2.

This message provides notification of the change as required by 33 CFR Subchapter H. Contact information and drill requirements are provided below. **This is only a drill and does not constitute an actual change in MARSEC Level. This drill will terminate at 2:00 PM.**

FOR REGULATED FACILITIES AND VESSELS:

CONTACT INFORMATION

Vessels or facilities required to have security plans under 33 CFR Parts 104 and 105 should implement (or simulate implementation of) the MARSEC Level 2 measures specified in their security plans. These vessels and facilities should notify the COTP when all measures are attained. This notification must be made within 12 hours. Facility Security Officers (FSO), Vessel Security Officers (VSO) or Company Security Officers (CSO) should use the following contact information to respond to the COTP:

Preferred method is via email to
JTassin@msoneworleans.uscg.mil

Additional methods of notification include:

FAX	PHONE	VHF RADIO
(504) 589-7473	(504) 589-4206	Channel 14 to
	(504) 589-4227	“New Orleans Traffic”
	(504) 589-4204	

Please include the following notification information:

- 1) Facility or Vessel Name;
- 2) Name of FSO, VSO or CSO;
- 3) 24 hour contact number for FSO, VSO or CSO; and
- 4) Date and Time MARSEC Level 2 was set.

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DRILL REQUIREMENTS

Today's activities may satisfy the requirements for a drill under 33 CFR Part 104 or 105 if the following items are accomplished:

- 1) Live or simulated implementation of MARSEC Level 2 security measures;
- 2) Prompt notification to the COTP via one of the above methods;
- 3) Proper documentation of the drill; and
- 4) Completion and return of the drill evaluation sheet by August 6, 2004. Drill evaluation sheets may be faxed to (504) 589-7473 or mailed to the following address:

U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office

Attn: MSCI Department

1615 Poydras Street

New Orleans, LA 70112-1254

FOR OTHER MARITIME STAKEHOLDERS:

Other maritime stakeholders, including members of the Area Maritime Security Committee, are encouraged to review any actions they would take in the case of an actual MARSEC Level change. For today's drill, maritime stakeholders not associated with a regulated facility or vessel need not respond to the COTP. Stakeholders may complete a drill evaluation sheet if desired. Drill evaluation sheets may be faxed to (504) 589-4216 or mailed to the following address:

U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office

Attn: MSCI Department

1615 Poydras Street

New Orleans, LA 70112-1254

I appreciate everyone's continued assistance and patience in maintaining our security partnership and protecting our ports. Questions regarding today's drill may be directed to (504) 589-7474.

F. M. PASKEWICH

Captain of the Port

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CRESCENT CONTACT Communications Drill EVALUATION

Evaluator: _____ Facility/Vessel Name: _____

For Facilities:

Was there a vessel moored at the facility during the drill?	Yes	No
If yes, did the vessel participate in the drill?	Yes	No

For Vessels:

Was the vessel moored during the drill?	Yes	No
If yes, did the facility notify the vessel of the drill?	Yes	No

Was the facility or vessel operating under any unusual circumstances the day of the drill, for example telephone systems down, computers down, minimum operating crews, etc.?

Rating Scale

5—Excellent (exceeded all performance standards/expectations ahead of time)
4—Very Good (exceeded most performance standards/expectations ahead of time)
3—Good (met all performance standards/expectations on time)
2—Fair (met some but not all performance standards/expectations on time)
1—Poor (met some performance standards/expectations but not on time)
0—Fail (failed to meet any performance standards/expectations)

Communications Call-Out: The Coast Guard's ability to ensure that the appropriate CSOs, VSOs, FSOs and their alternates received notification of the commencement of the drill in a timely manner.

<i>Did the FMSC contact you in a timely manner?</i>	RATING	5	4	3	2	1	0
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<i>Was the system user friendly?</i>	RATING	5	4	3	2	1	0
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<i>Did you receive clear and concise information?</i>	RATING	5	4	3	2	1	0
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<i>Were you kept informed of the status of the Port Condition?</i>	RATING	5	4	3	2	1	0
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COMMENTS: _____

Communication Systems: The ability of the FSO/VSO to make the appropriate notifications to their facility/vessel personnel.

Did the FSO/VSO effectively notify facility/vessel personnel of the change in MARSEC Level?

RATING 5 4 3 2 1 0

Did communication systems effectively allow for continuous communications between facility/vessel Security Personnel, vessels interfacing with the facility, the FMSC, and national and local authorities?

RATING 5 4 3 2 1 0

Does each active access point at your facility/vessel provide a means of contacting police, security personnel, or an operations center via telephones, cellular phones and/or portable radios?

RATING 5 4 3 2 1 0

Were backup communications systems tested for internal and external communications?

RATING 5 4 3 2 1 0

COMMENTS: _____

Notification to the FMSC (COTP): The ability of the CSO/VSO/FSO to make the appropriate MARSEC level attainment notifications to the FMSC.

Was the FMSC notified in a timely manner? **RATING 5 4 3 2 1 0**

Did you have accurate FMSC contact information? **RATING 5 4 3 2 1 0**

COMMENTS: _____

Drill: A security drill is conducted every 3 months and may be held in conjunction with non-security drills.

Did your facility/vessel conduct a simulated or live drill? **Simulated Live**

If you conducted a simulated drill, do you feel you would have been capable of attaining a MARSEC Level 2 posture? **Yes No**

COMMENTS: _____

